ABSTRACT

Compounds of formula (I):

$$R^{5}$$
 R^{2}
 Y
 R^{3}
 (I)

wherein: R^2 is H or an optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl group; Y is either $-(CH_2)_n-X-$, where n is 1 or 2 and X is 0, S, S(=0), $S(=0)_2$, or NR^{N1} , where R^{N1} is selected from H or optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl, or Y is $-C(=0)NR^{N2}-$, where R^{N2} is selected from H, and optionally substituted C_{1-7} alkyl or C_{5-20} aryl; R^3 is an optionally substituted C_6 aryl group linked to a further optionally substituted C_6 aryl group, wherein if both C_6 aryl groups are benzene rings, there may be an oxygen bridge between the two rings, bound adjacent the link on both rings; A is a single bond or a C_{1-3} alkylene group; and R^5 is either:

- 15 (i) carboxy;
 - (ii) a group of formula (II):

(iii) a group of formula (III):

$$-\overset{O}{\overset{\parallel}{\underset{O}{\text{II}}}}-\overset{O}{\underset{N}{\text{III}}}$$

wherein R is optionally substituted C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{5-20} aryl or $NR^{N3}R^{N4}$, where R^{N3} and R^{N4} are independently selected from optionally substituted C_{1-4} alkyl;